



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, AIRBORNE AND RANGER TRAINING BRIGADE  
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FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 31905-4166

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

ATSH-RBD-SM

22 February 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Command Sergeant Major Welcome Letter

1. I commend you for choosing to attend the United States Army Ranger School. Ranger School is a demanding course that will teach what you are capable of doing under stressful situations. By nature of the course, you will emerge a more confident, tactically proficient Soldier with the ability to accomplish any mission assigned. This welcome letter should give you an idea of what to expect and some things that are expected of you when you arrive.

- a. All male Ranger students will have a **Ranger haircut** prior to arrival on Zero Day. A **Ranger haircut is defined as:** stubble-entire head shaved with hair clippers with no guard attached. There is no requirement to shave your head with a razor.
- b. All female Ranger students will have a haircut IAW female short length standards in AR 670-1 prior to arrival on Zero Day. AR 670-1 defines a Female Short Haircut as, "hair length that exceeds no more than one inch from the scalp (excluding bangs). Hair may be no shorter than ¼ inch from the scalp (unless due to medical condition or injury), but may be evenly tapered to the scalp within two inches of the hair line edges".
- c. Cellular phones **ARE NOT AUTHORIZED during the course**. If you bring a cell phone to the course it will be locked in your unauthorized baggage and returned at the end of the course. If you are caught with a phone at any time during the course, it is an SOR offense and grounds for dismissal.
- d. Unauthorized items, as defined in the ARTB packing list, (see packing list), will not be stored by ARTB unless the student is TDY enroute or OCONUS. Tobacco and caffeine products of any kind are forbidden, and will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the Ranger course.
- e. Students should have all personal/financial issues in order prior to attending Ranger Training.
- f. Students **must** be physically fit when reporting. The standards for Ranger School are well-known and available on the website. You are expected to show up physically capable of achieving those standards. The three events that cause most students to fail in RAP week are the Ranger Physical Assessment, the foot march, and the land navigation test. The ability to physically perform in those events significantly increases your chance of graduating. Do not rely on adrenaline to overcome your lack of physical preparation.

- g. Students reporting for Ranger School will report **NO EARLIER THAN 1000** hours and **NO LATER THAN 1300** hours on Zero Day which is on the Sunday before the class start date. The uniform is ACU's or your service equivalent. I recommend if you are flying into Columbus or Atlanta you have a complete uniform and seasonal APFU in your carryon bags. This is in case your check baggage doesn't make it.
- h. Finally, do not attend Ranger School on a timeline. Your attitude should be: *I'm here until the mission is complete and the only mission is the RANGER TAB*. Ensure that all business is accomplished before attending so you can maintain focus.

2. POC is the Brigade Senior TAC, (706) 544-6413/7310.

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Brigade Command Sergeant Major